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In response to a final office action mailed on 09-25-2008 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20080919) regarding the above-identified U.S. utility patent application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment/response and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) within four (4) months of the mailing date thereof.

The 3 month due date for responding to the final office action falls on 12-25-2008. The Applicant is also submitting herewith a petition for extension of time (1 month) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) along with payment of the appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1).

With the petition for extension of time (1 month), the 3 month due date due date for responding to the office action extends to 01-25-2009, which is a Sunday, and the Applicant respectfully believes that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO is open, namely, Monday, 01-26-2009, is timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.